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FOL TEL SENT SAIGON FROM BIEN HOA MAY 14 RPTD FOR YOUR INFO:

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS MILI VS

SUBJ: DAILY MR 3 SITREP - 14 MAY 1973

1. DURING THE PERIOD 0800 HOURS 11 MAY TO 0800 HOURS 14 MAY COMMUNIST MILITARY ACTIVITY IN MR 3 CONTINUED AT A VERY LOW LEVEL. THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE PATTERN OF VC/ NVA ACTIVITY DURING THE PERIOD. MOST COMMUNIST INITIATED INCIDENTS REPORTED WERE HARASSING IN NATURE. THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF A DETERMINED EFFORT TO GAIN ADDITIONAL REAL ESTATE. MINING INCIDENTS HAVE GRADUALLY INCREASED DURING THE PAST TEN DAYS. OF THE 21 FRIENDLY CASUALTIES REPORTED DURING THESE TEN DAYS, 16 WERE FROM MINE INCIDENTS. THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 31 INCIDENTS REPORTED 11 TO 14 MAY CONSISTING OF 9 ATTACKS BY FIRE (ABF), 10 GROUND CONTACTS AND 12 MINE INCIDENTS. TOTAL CASUALTIES WERE 5 FRIENDLY KILLED, 16 WOUNDED AND 12 VC/ NVA KILLED. VC/ NVA INITIATED INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED IN ALL OF THE PROVINCES IN MR 3 EXCEPT PHUOC LONG, LONG KHANH, BINH TUY AND BIEN HOA PROVINCES. TON LE CHAM BASE CAMP IN TAY NINH PROVINCE CONTINUED TO BE CENTER
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OF ABF. DURING THE PERIOD THE CAMP RECEIVED 96 ROUNDS OF MIXED 61 MM AND 82 MM MORTAR FIRE. ONE BUILDING WAS DESTROYED HOWEVER NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED. THE VC/ NVA CONTINUED TO USE LOUDSPEAKERS

IN AN EFFORT TO PERSUADE RANGERS TO DESERT THE CAMP. THEY ALSO ASKED THE CAMP COMMANDER TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE PRG COMMANDER BY RADIO.

AT 2230 HOURS ON 12 MAY THE RANGERS DISCOVERED 5 COMMUNIST TRUCKS MOVING FROM NORTH TO SOUTH APPROXIMATELY 3 KMS WEST OF CAMP. FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED ON THE TRUCKS HOWEVER THE RESULTS WERE UNKNOWN. TWO RALLIERS WERE REPORTED DURING THE PERIOD. A SOLDIER OF THE 9 TH NVA DIVISION TURNED HIMSELF OVER TO ELEMENTS OF THE 9 TH ARVN REGIMENT 4 KMS SOUTHWEST OF BEN CAT DISTRICT TOWN, BINH DUONG PROVINCE ON 11 MAY. THE SECOND RALLIER WAS A LOCAL GUERRILLA FROM TRUONG BINH VILLAGE WHO RALLIED TO THE 63 RD PF PLATOON 4 KMS SOUTHWEST OF CAN GIUOC DISTRICT TOWN, LONG AN PROVINCE ON 11 MAY.

2. THE INTERPROVINCE REP FOR LONG AN/ HAU NGHIA REPORTS THAT COLONEL NAM, PROVINCE CHIEF OF LONG AN SAID THAT GENERAL DAO OF THE 18 TH ARVN DIVISION WILL LEAVE THE DIVISION FOR A NEW JOB IN SAIGON. ACCORDING TO NAM THIS MOVE IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF IMPORTANT CHANGES IN MILITARY COMMANDS THROUGHOUT VIET- NAM. WALKINSHAW
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